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1. SUMMARY: FOLLOWING ARE DETAILED PROGRAMMATIC COMMENTS ON IAEA'S DRAFT BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1976 CONTAINED IN GOV/1733. SINCE DETAILED COMMENTS WERE TRANSMITTED APRIL 1974 ON AGENCY'S PROPOSED 19 75-

80 PROGRAM, CONCONCERNING WHICH GOV/1733 CONTAINS MAINLY SUPPLEMENTARY

DETAIL AND SOME REVISIONS, FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE THEMSELVES SUPPLEMENTARY TO THOSE OF LAST YEAR. PROGRAMS ON WHICH THERE ARE NO COMMENTS RECEIVED GENERAL APPROVAL AT PROPOSED LEVELS. MISSION MAY DRAW ON THESE COMMENTS AT APRIL 16 MEETING A AND B COMMITTEE AND ALSO

BRING THEM TO ATTENTION IAEA STAFF.

- 2. SECTION D. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE-COMMENTS FOLLOW IN SEPTEL.
- 3. SECTION EM LIFE SCIENCES UNCLASSIFIED

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A. E.3. CASTRONINTESTINAL ABSORPTION STUDIES DESERVES HIGH PRIORITY, PARTICULARLY SINCE THESE RELATE SO EFFECTIVELY TO NUTURITIONAL PROBLEM

OF MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

B. E.E.-DEVELOPMENT OF VACCINES THROUGH USE OF RADIATION IN THEIR PREPARATION ALSO HIGH PRIORITY AND INCREASED IAEA EFFORT APPEARS JUSTIFIED. ACCORDINGLY, PROPOSED ADDITONAL P-5 POST FOR LIFE SCIENCES PROGRAM SHOULD BE SUPPORTED.

C. E. 4. DEVELOPMENT OF COORDINATED PROGRAMS WITH UNEP IS ESSENTIAL, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING USES OF NUCLEAR TECHNIQUES FOR ASSESING

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINANTS AND FOR IMPROVEMENT OF BIOSPHERE RESOURCES WHERE THE \$15,000 REQUESTED APPEARS CONSISTENT WITH NEEDS FOR DEVELOP-

MENT OF RELIABLE AND VIABLE COORDINATED PROGRAM.

4. SECTION F. PHYSICAL SCIENCES

A. F. O.- PLANS FOR ESTABLISHEMTN OF CENTER FOR ATOMIC, MOLECULAR AND NUCLEAR DATA OF INTERET TO FUSION PROGRAM SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED, SINCE THIS WILL BE ONLY INTERNATIONAL CENTER OF THIS TYPE.

B. TABLE F.2. APPEARS PROMULGATE ERRONEOUS IDEA THAT 23PROFESSIONAL POSTS HAVE BEEN FILLED, WHEREAS WE UNDERSTAND NUMBER OF PROFESSIONALS NEVER MORE THAN 21 AND NORMALLY LESS. IN VIEW OF PLANS NUCLEAR DATA SECTION TO BROADEN ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE COORDINATION NUCLEAR STRUCTURE DATA AND SURVEY ATOMIC AND MOLECULAR DATA FOR FUSION RESEARCH, IT DIFFICULT UNDERSTAND HOW SECTION CAN FULFILL RESPONSIBILITIES WITHOUT INCREASED STAFFING FOR 1976.

5. SECTION G. LABORATORY

A. G.U.-WITH PROPOSED TRANSFER OF 3 PROFESSIONAL POSTS FROM CHEMISTRY SUB-PROGRAM TO SAL, IT WILL BECOME IMPORTANT THAT REMAINING 3 CHEMISTRY POSTS ON LABORATORY STAFF (TABLE G3.) BE FILLED TO AVOID FURTHER EROSION OF LABORATORY FUNCTION.

6. SECTION I. NUCLEAR POWER AND REACTORS
A. I.24.29-STRONGLY SUPPORT ADDED EMPHASIS BEING PLACED ON
QUALITY CONTROL WITH AIM INCREASING NUCLEAR POWER PLANT RELIABILITY.
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B. I.27.-NOTE OMISSION OF MEETING ON COST ESTIMATING OF DOMON-STRATION FAST REACTOR PLANSTS. SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF IWGFR RECOMMENDED ONE OR TWO MEETINGS THIS SUBJECT IN VIEW WIDE DIFFERENCES REPORTED IN COST EXISTING AND PLANNED DEMO PLANTS.

7. SECTION J. NUCLEAR SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
A. GENERAL-BUDGET LEVELS AND PROGRAM JUSTIFICATIONS
GENERALLY SATISFACTORY. VIEWS OF SENIOR ADVISERS IN J.25. SHOULD

BE SUPPORTED AND STAFFING INCREASED PROPOSED IN J.26. ARE APPRPRIATE.

B. J.27.-30. SUPPORT THESE PROGRAM CHANGES.

C. J.21. AND 32. NOTE THAT IWGHLW WAS CONCERNED ABOUT CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN WAST MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL WORK AND INTENDS TO REVIEW SITUATION AT MAY MEETING TO CLARIFY RESPONSIBLITY.

D. J.33.-CONSIDERED TO BE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM THROUGH OF IMPORTANCE TO WAST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

E. TABLE J.5-UNCLEAR WHAT PLACE SECOND ITEM HAS IN WASTE MANAGEMENT.

8. L. INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL SERVICES.

A. L.5-REDUCTION OF \$109,000 INCREASE IN PRINTING AND PUBLISHING SERVICES DUE TO INCREASED PAGES IN ATOMINDEX WHEN ABSTRACTS ADDED SHOULD ALSO BE POSSIBLE IF INIS REGIONALIZES PUBLISHING AND DISTRIBUTION OF ATOMINDEX. IAEA SHOULD VIGOROUSLY PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS IN MEMBER STATES FOR PROMOTION, DISTRIBUTION AND EVENTUAL PRINTING ATOMINDEX IN HOPE OF REDUCING COSTS AND INCREASING SUBSCRIPTIONS.

B. L.6-PLANNED INCREASE IN ATOMINDEX SUBSCRIPTION RATES WHEN IT BECOMES ABSTRACTING JOURNAL SHOULD BE REVIEWED TO YIELD INCOME TO INIS MORE COMMENSURATE WITH INCREASED PRODUCTION COSTS. SCHEDULED DISCONTINUATION OF OUR NUCLEAR SCIENCE ABSTRACTS IN 1976 SHOULD RESULT IN GREATLY INCREASED SUBSCRIPTIONS TO ATOMINDEX; NEW SUBSCRIPTION RATE OF LATTER JOURNAL SHOULD THAN BE BROUGHT CLOSE TO THAT OF FORMER.

C. L.19-INCOME TO IAEA AND SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS COULD BE INCREASED BY ARRANGING FOR REGIONAL OR NATIONAL CENTERS SUPPLIED WITH MASTER COPIES OF INIS CLEARINGHOUSE MICROFICHE TO SELL DOCUMENTS ON MICROFICHE, WITH IAEA TO RECEIVE SUBSTANTIAL PERCENTAGE OF SALES. SUCH NATIONAL SERVICES WOULD INCREASE SALES AND ALSO IMPROVE PROMOTIO N

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OF ENTIRE INIS SYSTEM.

9. ANNEX I. CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIA

A. SUPPORT SAC RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO MEETINS HAVE PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE.

B. L. OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY IN TROPICS.

C. 5. SUPPORT HOLDING INTERNATIONAL FUSION MEETING EVERY TWO YEARS INSTEAD OF EVERY THREE YEARS AND EXTENDING MEETING TO FULL WEEK OF PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS.

D. 21. CONSISTENT WITH RECOMMENDATION OF U.S. EXPERT ON IWGFR, USDEL SHOULD URGE POSTPONEMENT THIS SYMPOSIUM UNTIL AT LEAST 1977. EVEN THEN IT MAY BE TOO SOON FOR MEANINGFUL REPORTING OF FAST REACTOR OPERATING EXPERIENCE SINCE MARCH 1974 BNES MEETING REPORTED MOST AVAILABLE INFO THIS AREA.

10. ANNEX II TECHNICAL COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY GROUPS
A. GENERAL-SUPPORT DECREASED NUMBER OF MEETINGS AND URGE FURTHER
EFFORT TO COMBINE MEETINGS WHEREVER FEASIBLE AND DEFER MEETINGS
UNTIL WARRANTED BY AVAILABILITY OF NEW INFORMATION. INCREASED
USE OF ADVISORY GROUPS AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEES SHOULD HELOP TO
LOWER COSTS.

B. 2,3, 4 AND 5-ORDER OF PRIORITY SHOULD BE THIS ORDER OF PRESENTATION.

C. COMBINE 6 AND 8 AND GIVE PRIORITY OVER 9, AND WITH 7 HAVING LOWEST PRIORITY.

D. 10,12 AND 20 SMALL TOPICAL MEETINGS ARE USEFUL AND SHOULD NOT BE COMBINED WITH BIENNIAL CTR CONFERENCE.
E. 25,26,46,47,52, AND 57- SUPPORT IWGHLW POSITION

THAT THESE MEETINGS DESIRABLE.

F. 43.-CONSIDERED NECESSARY

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